



North Region Coastal District

Department of Conservation and Recreation

March 2017 PROGRAM SCHEDULE

All Programs are free and open to the public. All ages are welcome but children under 8 years of age may have difficulty using binoculars or a spotting scope because of their stage of cognitive development. An adult must accompany children. Birding programs are suitable for both beginners and experts. In most cases these programs will be facilitated by a DCR Park Interpreter. Please dress warmly; wear layers of clothing and sturdy, warm hiking boots or shoes, as well as a hat and gloves. **For possible changes or cancellations to these programs please phone 978-937-2094 ext. 121 (changes may be made up to 1 hour before the start of a program). Rain and heavy snow cancels.** For more information call (781) 485-2804 Ext. 105 or email Matthew.Nash@state.ma.us For a listing of programs at other DCR state parks please visit www.mass.gov/DCR.

Wednesdays Wildlife Detectives 3:00 p.m.-4:30 p.m. and by appointment

**March 1st,
22nd, & 29th** **Belle Isle Marsh Reservation**

Animals are all around us, but many are stealthy, shy and seldom seen. Join us as we explore the trails of the Marsh searching for signs of coyotes, red fox and eastern cottontail rabbits and learn how these animals are adapted for survival. **Meet at:** Main Parking lot near the bulletin board, located on Bennington Street East Boston between address 173 Bennington St., Revere and 1236 Bennington St East Boston. Accessible by public transportation: MBTA Blue line, Suffolk Downs Station, turn left onto Bennington Street and walk to the park entrance on the right. Visit www.MBTA.com Co-sponsored by the Friends of Belle Isle Marsh.

Saturday An Oasis for Wildlife 2:00 p.m.-3:30 p.m. and by appointment

March 4th **Belle Isle Marsh Reservation**

Animals are all around us, but many are stealthy, shy and seldom seen. Discover the signs of coyotes, red fox and eastern cottontail rabbits that abound at this beautifully restored wildlife sanctuary that was once a former dump and drive in movie theatre. Learn how these animals are adapted for survival. **Meet at:** Main Parking lot near the bulletin board, located on Bennington Street East Boston between address 173 Bennington St., Revere and 1236 Bennington St East Boston. Accessible by public transportation: MBTA Blue line, Suffolk Downs Station, turn left onto Bennington Street and walk to the park entrance on the right. Visit www.MBTA.com Co-sponsored by the Friends of Belle Isle Marsh.

Saturday Winged Wonders 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

March 11th **Halibut Point State Park**

Halibut Point State Park along the Atlantic migratory path, is an excellent locale for birding. Harlequins, scoters, eiders, grebes, mergansers, loons, gannets and many more spend their winters on our shores. There is also a good possibility of seeing harbor seals. Some binoculars and a spotting scope will be provided but please bring these items if you are able to. **Meet at:** The Grout Pile scenic overlook at Halibut Point State Park, on Gott avenue in Rockport. Our meeting location is indicated by a 7 on a map of the park: <http://www.mass.gov/eea/docs/dcr/parks/north/halb.pdf>

Sunday Winter Birding 8:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m.

March 19th **Halibut Point State Park**

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